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AS REQUESTED IN REF A, TEST OF LETTER OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ICELAND TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NICSMA FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

FURTHER TO RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MY DEPUTY MY. OLAFUR EGILSSON AND AIR COMMONDOR T. C. IMRIE, CHIEF, PLANS DIVISION, REGARDING SITE SELECTION FOR THE NEW SATCOM-III GROUND TERMINALS (YOUR REF. NICSMA/PD(73)48 AND 118, DATED 23RD MARCH AND 18TH MAY LAST), I WISH TO CONFIRM HEREBY IN WRITING--AS REQUESTED--THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF MY AUTHORITIES:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ESPECIALLY THE HIGH OPERATIONAL COST OF THE GROUND TERMINALS BASED ON THEIR MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS, MY AUTHORITIES DO NOT AT THE MOMENT PERCEIVE A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH A TERMINAL IN ICELAND. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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FURHTER FEASIBILITY STUDIES POINT OUT AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION.

I MAY PERHAPS ADD THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY THE RUNNING OF A SATCOM-III GROUND TERMINAL WOULD CREAT

PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES OF A FINANCIAL NATURE FOR MY
AUTHORITIES IS THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO
SOLVE THE MANPOWER PROBLEM BY DRAWING ON PEOPLE DOING
MILITARY SERVICE.

I REGRET THAT OUR PRESENT POSITION IS NOT MORE FORTHCOMING,
AND REMAIN, YOURS SINCERELY

END TEXT. MCAULIFFE

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